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Next Week’s Speaker

Al Cross

Extension Professor

As director of the Institute for Rural Journalism and Community Issues, Cross helps rural news media define the public agenda in their communities and report on broader issues that have local impact but few local sources. Cross helped organize the Institute, which has academic partners at 28 universities in 18 states. He became its director in 2004, after more than 26 years as a reporter at The Courier-Journal, the last 15½ as chief political writer. He writes a political column about twice a month for the Louisville newspaper and the Kentucky Center for Public Service Journalism, and is a KET political commentator.

His awards include the Kentucky Journalism Hall of Fame (2010), the Media Awards of the East Kentucky Leadership Foundation (2006) and the Kentucky Psychological Association (2013), the James Madison First Amendment Award of the Scripps Howard First Amendment Center at UK (2015), and a share of the 1989 Pulitzer Prize won by The Courier-Journal’s staff for coverage of the nation’s deadliest bus and drunk-driving crash. He shared an investigative reporting award in the Southern Journalism Awards for a 1987 series on surface mining, including some of the first comprehensive stories on mountaintop removal. In 2011 he received the Wells Key, the top honor of the Society of Professional Journalists, the nation’s oldest, broadest and largest journalism organization. He was national SPJ president in 2001-02, and has received awards for his work from SPJ’s Louisville Chapter. He is often quoted nationally on Kentucky politics and has appeared on PBS’s “Washington Week In Review.”

He began his journalism career at the Clinton County News and was an announcer at WANY in Albany. He was editor of The Reporter in Monticello in 1975; assistant managing editor of The Logan Leader and The News-Democrat at Russellville in 1975-77; and editor of the Leitchfield Gazette and the Grayson County News-Gazette in 1977-78. He established The Courier-Journal’s Somerset bureau in May 1978, moving with it to Bardstown in 1979, when it became the Central Kentucky Bureau. He covered legislative sessions from 1980 to 2004. In Louisville in 1984-86, he covered education, transportation and politics. He joined The C-J's Frankfort Bureau in 1987 and became political writer in 1989. He was part of a Courier-Journal team that won the 1989 Pulitzer Prize for General News Reporting for “exemplary initial coverage of a bus crash that claimed 27 lives” at Carrollton, Ky. He is married to Patti Hodges Cross, a Grayson County native and independent designer/editor of publications. They live in a 1907 home in historic South Frankfort, near the state Capitol, with Henry, their West Highland White Terrier.

Raffle

Thanks to Brenda Rice for donating this week’s raffle item.

Make-ups for Oct. 30

Bob Bullock Teresa Hockensmith

Don Dampier Sherrill Smith

Steve Dooley

Attendance Percentage: 63%

Make-ups Needed for Nov.6

Houston Barber Cathy Lindsey

Maree Barney-Sutley Sam Marcus

John Browning Judy Mattingly

Bob Bullock Chris Olds

Will Coblin Brenda Rice

Don Dampier Sean Ross

Steve Dooley Curt Sayre

Annette Dupont-Ewing Carol Smith

Polly Green Gary Stratton

Teresa Hockensmith Kwang Suh

Joyce Honaker Stephen Sutley

Zachary Horn Jim Terrell

Carmen Inman Tom Utterback

Harry Kirch Amzie Wenning

Mark Kopp Tyler West

Sallie Lanham Gary Zheng

Happy Birthday !!

Happy Birthday to the following Rotarians who will celebrate their birthdays in November: Angela Bullock, Lloyd Hillard, Jr., Sara Johnson, Cathy Lindsey, Don Nunnelly, Steve Stewart and Dennis VanHorn.

Frankfort Rotary Club Awarded

Terri Spellman, Coordinator for Westridge Family Resource Center nominated the Rotary Club of Frankfort for the FRYSCKY Bridges Over Barriers Award for best non-profit partner (for First Grade Reading Mentors, FRC Advisory Council participation, shoe drives, and more), and we were selected as the winner!

Pop-up Make-up

 2019 United Nations Day Program will be held on Monday, November 25 (6:30 p.m.) at the Paul Sawyier Public Library in Frankfort with Kris O'Daniel, an environmental contributor to the Lexington-Herald Leader. Ms. O'Daniel's topic is "Our Planet. Our Future," which is a focus on the climate change crisis that is engulfing planet Earth.

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